

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Tuesday, October 30, 2007 10:30 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by the Chairman.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Walker.

Members absent/excused: Representative Espinoza and Nofs.

Chairman Cushingberry placed before the committee HB 5355:

HB 5355 McDowell Crime victims; other; distribution and use of crime victim's rights funds; broaden types of authorized expenditures

Chairman Cushingberry called on individuals wishing to testify before the committee:

Stewart Dunnings, III., Ingham County Prosecutor, opposing the bill wishing to speak.

Jerry Dorsey, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Deputy Chief-CFAB Unit.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized House Fiscal Agency Staff Analyst Sue Frey for further explanation of the bill.

A testimony card was submitted by Phil Hoffman representing the Michigan Sheriff's Association opposing the bill, not wishing to speak.

Jan Wisniewski, Analyst for the House Fiscal Agency gave an explanation of the bill.

Mary Jane Russell, Department of Community Health, answered further questions of the members.

The Chairman recognized bill sponsor Representative McDowell to speak on the bill.

The Chairman requested a further look at the legislation before consideration. He named the following ad hoc committee members to further look at the bill: Representatives McDowell, Gillard and Acciavatti.

Chairman Cushingberry laid HB 5345 before the committee:

HB 5345 Cushingberry Appropriations; supplemental; multidepartment supplemental; provide for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Representative McDowell moved to adopt Substitute (H-1) to HB 5345.

Representative Bauer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative McDowell moved to amend HB 5345 Substitute (H-1) as follows:

1. Amend page 4, following line 23, by inserting:

“Sec. 403. The department shall maintain existing contractual and funding arrangements to provide testing, certification, and inspection services for emergency medical service providers through December 31, 2007.”

Representative Bauer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Cheeks moved to amend HB 5345 Substitute (H-1) as follows:

1. Amend page 4, following line 4, by inserting:

“Sec. 203. The departments of community health, corrections, human services, information technology, and management and budget shall contract with a private company to conduct a study of ways to streamline the departments’ procurement for durable goods and services and reduce the prices paid for such goods and services. A report containing recommendations for streamlining the departments’ procurement procedures shall be prepared by the private contractor and submitted to the house and senate appropriations committees and the house and senate fiscal agencies by March 1, 2008.”

Representative Caswell supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative McDowell moved to report with recommendation HB 5345 Substitute (H-1) as amended as substitute (H-2).

Representative Caswell supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid HB 5354 before the committee:

HB 5354 McDowell Health; funding; use of health professions regulatory fund; expand.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Representative McDowell for opening remarks to the bill.

House Fiscal Analysts Margaret Alston and Steve Stauff answered questions.

Mary Jane Russell, Department of Community Health, answered further questions.

Representative McDowell moved to report HB 5354 with recommendation.

Representative Shaffer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, and Moss.

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representative Walker.

Chairman Cushingberry made an announcement that he would be having the next meeting of the Appropriations committee on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 to discuss the supplemental.

Rep. Gillard moved to excuse absent members. Representative Acciavatti supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, seeing no objection the committee adjourned the time being 11:30 a.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994